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September 11, 2015

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Joseph Stoddard
Inspiration Custom Homes, LLC
395 Bayside Drive
Saratoga Springs, Utah 84045

Subject: Proposed Assessment for State Cessation Order No. MC-2015-62-03, Inspiration Custom Homes, LLC., Stoddard Mine, S/039/0042, Sanpete County, Utah

Response Due By: 30 Days of Receipt

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

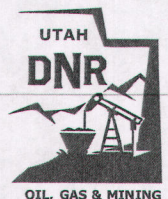
The undersigned has been appointed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining as the assessment officer for assessing penalties under R647-7.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced cessation order. The cessation order was issued by Division inspector, Peter Brinton on August 20, 2015. Rule R647-7-103 et. seq. has been utilized to determine the proposed penalty of \$3,300.00. The enclosed worksheet outlines how the civil penalty was assessed.

By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this cessation order has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of this penalty.

Under R647-7-106, there are two informal appeal options available to you. You may appeal the 'fact of the violation', the proposed civil penalty, or both. If you wish to informally appeal you should file a written request for an informal conference within thirty 30 days of receipt of this letter.

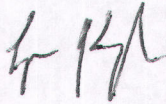
The informal conference will be conducted by a Division-appointed conference officer. The informal conference for the fact of the violation is distinct from the informal assessment conference regarding the proposed penalty. If you wish to review both the fact of the violation and proposed penalty assessment, you should file a written request for an assessment conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. In this case, the assessment conference will be scheduled immediately following the review of the fact of the violation.



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If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of the violation will stand, the proposed penalty will become final, and will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the date of this proposed assessment (by October 13, 2015). Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Sheri Sasaki.

Sincerely,



Lynn Kunzler
Assessment Officer

LK: eb

Enclosure: Proposed assessment worksheet

cc: Sheri Sasaki, Accounting
Vickie Southwick, Exec. Sec.

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**WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING
Minerals Regulatory Program**

NOV / CO #: MC-2015-62-03 PERMIT: S/039/0042
COMPANY / MINE Inspiration Custom Homes, LLC., / Stoddard Mine
ASSESSMENT DATE September 10, 2015
ASSESSMENT OFFICER Lynn Kunzler

I. HISTORY (Max. 25 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.11)

- A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall three (3) years of today's date?

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE	POINTS
<u>None</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 0

II. SERIOUSNESS (Max 45pts) (R647-7-103.2.12)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following apply:

1. Based on facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within each category where the violation falls.
2. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the Assessment Officer will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an EVENT (A) or Administrative (B) violation? Event (A)
(assign points according to A or B)

A. EVENT VIOLATIONS (Max 45 pts.)

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent?
1. Conducting mining activities without appropriate approvals. 2. Injury to the public, and 3. Environmental harm.
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent? #1 – occurred, #2 – unlikely, and #3 – Likely

<u>PROBABILITY</u>	<u>POINT RANGE</u>
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 15

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

The first of the three events occurred, the second event would be unlikely since the public would not necessarily have access to private property, and the third would have a strong likely to occur since the Division was not able to evaluate environmental issues before the area was disturbed. Points were therefore assigned at the mid-point of the Likely range.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage:

The inspector indicated that approximately 7 acres had been disturbed prior to discovery by the Division of this operation.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS(RANGE 0-25) 13

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

Without pre-mining knowledge of the condition of the area, the actual extent of damage cannot be verified. However, 7 acres of disturbance is considered significant. Without argument pro or con regarding the actual damage, points are assigned at the mid-point of the Range.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS (Max 25pts)

1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? _____
Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS N/A

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: _____

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 28

III. DEGREE OF FAULT (Max 30 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.13)

A.	Point Range
No Negligence (Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care?)	0
Negligence (was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care?)	1-15
Greater Degree of Fault (was this a failure to abate any violation or was economic gain realized by the permittee?)	16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Greater Degree of Fault

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 22

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

Even though the operator had submitted a 'Draft' NOI in April, he should have been aware that it needed to be finalized and a reclamation surety provided. The fact that there was economic gain due to not providing a reclamation surety or remitting permit fees dictate the 'greater degree of fault'. Points were therefore assigned at the mid-point of the 'Greater degree of fault' range.

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.) (R467-7-103.2.14)

(Either A or B) (Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures, or violations not abated at the time of assessment)

Has Violation Been Abated? No

Until the abatement work is completed, good faith points cannot be awarded. If completed prior to the abatement deadline, a re-assessment would be warranted and good faith points would be considered under the Difficult Abatement scenario.

- A. EASY ABATEMENT (The operator had onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area.)

	<u>Point Range</u>
Immediate Compliance (Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)	-11 to -20
Rapid Compliance (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation. Violation abated in less time than allotted.)	-1 to -10
Normal Compliance (Operator complied within the abatement period required, or, Operator requested an extension to abatement time)	0

- B. DIFFICULT ABATEMENT (The operator did not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or the submission of plans was required prior to physical activity to achieve compliance.)

	<u>Point Range</u>
Rapid Compliance (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation. Violation abated in less time than allotted.)	-11 to -20
Normal Compliance (Operator complied within the abatement period)	-1 to -10
Extended Compliance (Operator complied within the abatement period required, or, Operator requested an extension to abatement time) (Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the violation, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete.)	0

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? _____

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS N/A

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: _____

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY (R647-7-103.3)

I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>0</u>
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>28</u>
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>22</u>
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>50</u>

TOTAL ASSESSED FINE \$3,300.00